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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EG, USEGJC

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ECONOMIC AID FOR EGYPT IN CY '76

REF CAIRO 685

1. AS I WAS LEAVING FAHMY'S OFFICE TODAY, HE CALLED ME BACK. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY TO HIS REQUEST THAT YOU COME TO CAIRO TO DISCUSS A NEW USG HAT-PASSING EFFORT ON BEHALF OF EGYPT (REFTEL).

2. WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT I AS YET HAD NO REPLY, HE SAID HE HAD MENTIONED TO SADAT MY EARLIER PERTINENT APPROACH AND HIS REACTION TO IT. SADAT HAD GENERALLY AGREED WITH HIS REACTION. GOE COULD NOT CONVENE SUCH A MEETING AND SADAT HAD INSISTED USG EARLIER MADE COMMITMENT TO ASSIST EGYPT IN SOLICITING EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE.

3. SADAT HAS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT USG SHOULD CONVENE A CONFERENCE IN CAIRO OF IBRD AND POSSIBLE DONOR COUNTRY REPS TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. THE PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, HAD INDICATED THIS SHOULD BE DONE QUICKLY.

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4. FAHMY SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE DONORS WOULD PROBABLY RESPOND TO USG INVITATION MADE WITH GOE ENDORSEMENT. HE URGED THAT WE ACCEDE TO GOE REQUEST AND TAKE NEEDED ACTION WITHOUT DELAY. GOE WILL, OF

COURSE, WELCOME A VISIT BY YOU AS SOON AS IT MAY BE  
CONVENIENT FOR YOU.

5. COMMENT. DEPT BETTER ABLE TO ASSESS LIKELY  
RESPONSE TO SUCH A USG INVITATION. CONCEIVABLY, IF  
IT IS EXTENDED WITH GOE ENDORSEMENT, POSSIBLE DONORS  
WOULD PARTICIPATE. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WADA HAS  
SEVERAL TIMES TOLD ME, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE BELIEVES  
HIS OWN GOVT WOULD MUCH PREFER A USG-CONVENED DONOR  
MEETING THAN ONE CALLED BY IBRD. IN ANY CASE, SINCE  
FAHMY SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PRESIDENT SADAT'S  
REFERENCE TO IBRD PARTICIPATION, IT COULD BE A USEFUL  
FORUM TO URGE EGYPTIANS TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO IBRD  
SUGGESTIONS. ASSUME YOU WILL WISH TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN  
REQUEST WITH THE SECRETARY, BUT WOULD WELCOME A  
RESPONSE ASAP.

6. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTTEL EGYPTIAN FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE BUDGET FOR CY '76, BASED ON FIGURES  
WHICH WE HAVE FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO EXTRACT FROM  
SARRAF.  
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